

The End of the Play

by William M. Chackery

The play is done, the curtain drops, play falling, to the prompter's bell.

A moment yet the actor stops and looks around to say farewell. It is an historic word and task. And when he's removed and said his say.

He shows as he removes the mask. A face that's anything but gay.

One word, ere yet the evening ends. Let's close it with a parting rhyme. And pledge a hand to all young friends.

At this the merry Christmas time. On life's merry scene you, too, have parts.

That Fate ere long shall bid you play. Goodnight, with honest, gentle hearts.

A kindly greeting go away.

Come wealth or want, come good or ill. Let young and old accept their part.

And before the awful Will. And bear it with an honest heart.

Who misses, or who wins the prize. Go, lose or conquer, if you can. But if you fail or if you rise.

Be each, pray God, a gentleman.

A gentleman or old or young? (Bear kindly with my humble song.)

The sacred chorus first was sung. Upon the first of Christmas days.

The shepherd heard it overhead. The joyful angels raised it then: Glory to heaven on high, it said. And peace on earth to gentle men.

My song, same this, it little worth. Lay the weary pen aside. And wish you health and love and mirth.

As fits the holy Christmas-tide. As fits the holy Christmas-tide. Be this, good friends, our carol still.

Be peace on earth, be peace on earth. To men of gentle will.

Caesar Practical; First to Hint of Gifts He Wanted

As soon as man became sufficiently civilized to devise himself some sort of a calendar, the festival of the New Year assumed importance and was designated as the proper time for gaiety, hospitality, and gift-giving.

This spirit of gift-giving presumably continued upon a haphazard path until Julius Caesar hit upon the brilliant idea of "hinting" as to the amount of money or specific "gifts" he expected to receive from such and such a person.

The conquering Romans carried the custom of "ordering" precise gifts with them when they invaded the British Isles. Centuries later, the kings and queens of England, who were not as wealthy as they were reported to be, revived the custom of Caesar's day. On one New Year's day, the money and value of presents received by Henry VIII amounted to nearly 800 pounds—or about \$4,000. Queen Elizabeth used the same method upon her favorites and courtiers, thereby replenishing her wardrobe with petticoats, mantles, gowns, and silk stockings, to say nothing of the bracelets, necklaces, and caskets of precious stones commanded in like manner.

In modern America, Christmas is the gift-givingest day of all, but every child who writes a letter to Santa Claus and every fair lady who conspicuously mentions the name of her favorite perfume is perpetuating a New Year's custom instituted by Julius Caesar and effectively used by medieval royalty.

Need Little to Keep Faith
With Children at Yule
Tonight, perhaps some soldier is less lonely because he remembers the sled or drum or train he found beneath his Christmas tree one morning long ago.

It takes so little to keep faith with the children. Madame Schumann-Heink remembered one Christmas all her life. She was a poor girl and her father was a peddler. He was away seven or eight times a week very hard and it did not seem as if very much was going to be left for her. But on Christmas morning, the little girl found she had been remembered. Her treasure! It was an orange, round and yellow, and her very own. Just one orange saved that Christmas day for all eternity. Years later, a famous lady realized the love and sacrifice and ideals that orange represented.

"Pin Money"
Until quite recently, pins were made of wire and were very expensive—and highly prized. So, it became customary for men in ordinary circumstances to give their wives and daughters, in money on New Year's day.

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BROTHERS IN SERVICE



Shown in the picture above, left to right, S-Sgt. John William Marks, who has been in the service three years and is stationed at Fort Story, Minor Hughes Marks, Seaman Second Class, who is stationed at Clinton, Oklahoma, they are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Marks, of Lynchburg, formerly of Appomattox. We regret that in publishing this picture we have the name of one of the brothers was omitted.

War Manpower Commission Notice

All employers are covered by the War Manpower Commission Stabilization Program in their hiring procedures and must adhere to WMC regulations or be subject to the penalties prescribed for violations. This statement was made as a result of information obtained in a recent survey of employers in the area, in which WMC representatives made a spot check of payrolls to determine if employers were adhering to WMC hiring regulations.

The check was not made for the purpose of prosecuting anyone, but rather to see how well the program requirements were understood and to educate those found to be in error in their hiring practices. The survey revealed that many small employers, those hiring one to ten workers, and many non-essential establishments, hiring mostly women, did not think they were included in the WMC program and for their information it was pointed out that the Stabilization Program includes all employers, those hiring one or more, women are a part of our labor force and must be hired in accordance with WMC regulations as well as men. All new entrants into the labor market must be hired whether man, woman or youth.

Another point brought out was the lack of uniform understanding among employers who regard to the Availability Certificate of Post Employment, Referral Card, and Incentive Award. The manager added:

In order to clarify this misunderstanding, Mr. Turner issued a Statement of Availability is a Statement of Employment or a Statement of Unemployment. It is a statement of availability to be issued to a worker in an essential industry. It is a statement of availability to be issued to a worker in a non-essential industry. It is a statement of availability to be issued to a worker in a non-essential industry.

Mr. Turner pointed out that employers must take up Statements of Availability from new employees. Employees are entitled to a Statement of Availability when they are discharged or laid off or more than 60 days when continuous employment would involve undue personal hardship or, when they wages are not being paid or they are not being utilized at their highest skill. Either the worker or the employer can apply for a Statement of Availability. An employer can hire a worker who has not worked in an essential industry within 60 days, if the worker signs a Certificate of Unemployment. This certificate is a statement showing the name and location of each employer for whom the applicant has worked during the past 60 days, his occupation, and the date of separation from his most recent employer.

A referral card is a statement issued by the U. S. Employment Service sending a worker with his consent to a specific job with a specific employer for consideration of hiring by such employer. A Referral Card may be accepted by an employer and non-essential employers like or to Statement of Availability. It is the employer's authority to hire the worker and should be kept in the employer's files.

Mr. Turner pointed out that workers who move from one area to another, must get a release and intra-area clearance from the U. S. Employment Service office serving the locality of employment where a referral card is issued to the worker or delivery to the new employer.

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Father Darkleaf

Christmas in New Mexico

Marked by Indian Drama

Christmas in New Mexico is marked by Indian drama and a subtle mixture of the past and present, with Indian ceremonies and Spanish-American folk customs existing alongside typically Christian celebrations. Most popular of Christmas ceremonies among New Mexico's Pueblo Indians is "Los Matachinos," a dramatic dance with its roots in the ancient Aztec civilization of Mexico. In many pueblos, especially those in the Rio Grande and Jemez valleys, ceremonial dances are held on Christmas eve, on Christmas day, and for the ensuing three days. The fortnight before and after Christmas renews the annual New Mexico presentations of age-old miracle plays.

Evergreens Freshen

Evergreens of the Northwest are among the most beautiful Christmas decorations. The common Douglas fir with its distinctive pendulous cones fills a room with grace and fragrance.

Small spruces near the coast

Small spruces near the coast and some of the true firs of mountain forests also bring their fresh beauty into the Christmas setting.

The spruces have stiff, prickly needles and are symmetrical.

The spruces have regularly spaced, pine-needle branches and are nicely decorated. For mantel decorations for wreaths and for door sprays pine with holly or cones and a bright bunch of berries or a gay red ribbon are a choice holiday motif.

Bayberry Wax

Many people used to utilize the bayberry for indoor decorations at Christmas time. In Maine and Massachusetts the bayberry was the berries were once collected to make into candles. It was obtained by boiling the berries in water when the wax rose to the surface. Low it was also used in making candles. For mantel decorations for wreaths and for door sprays pine with holly or cones and a bright bunch of berries or a gay red ribbon are a choice holiday motif.

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Personals

Mrs. C. S. McDearman spent the week-end in Richmond with her daughter, Miss Elizabeth McDearman.

Mr. and Mrs. James Summersgill of Fort Arthur, Texas have announced the birth of a baby girl, Mary Alice, born December 2.

Mrs. Joe Tindall arrived in Long Branch, N. J., are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Buchanan.

Mrs. R. W. Stanley was hostess this week to the Tuesday night bridge club.

Friends are sorry to hear that Mrs. W. P. Perrell is sick.

Miss Rachel Gull, of Washington is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Gull.

The U. D. C. will meet this afternoon with Mrs. O. H. Patterson, Mrs. Little Blakely and Mrs. Patterson will be joint hostesses.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Gull and family, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Nash and daughter spent Sunday with Mrs. Mattie Ferguson and Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Thomas, of Goode, Va.

W. M. Abbott was in Richmond Monday.

Mrs. J. P. Johnson spent Friday in Lynchburg with Mr. Hugh Bol.

Mr. and Mrs. Kingsley Woodall and daughter spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Ray Baldwin, of Lynchburg.

Friends are sorry to hear of the critical illness of Blodose Clement, of Danville.

Mrs. W. B. Bryant, of Culpeper was a visitor here Monday.

Mrs. R. F. Akers has accepted a position in Blackstone.

Miss Lillian Spiggle, of Vera spent last Tuesday night with Miss Josephine Reid.

Mrs. Virginia Christian Koon, of Richmond, spent the week-end with Dr. and Mrs. D. A. Christian.

J. W. Edkins, of the Navy, was home for the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Wilmer visited in Appomattox last Saturday afternoon.

Miss Edith Morris and Miss Frances Ramey, visited Mrs. Ernest Reid.

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